

Dear FCC

In December I had received XM as a birthday gift. You see, I commute around 80 miles a day back and forth to work, and the local radio selection is scarce at best. I heard from XM that the National Association of Broadcasters is trying to limit Satellite Radio's broadcast rights, the NAB wants to be able to say what Satellite Radio can and cannot broadcast, importantly, localized Weather and Traffic information. I am emailing you to strongly encourage you to stop the NAB's petition and allow Satellite services such as XM and Sirius to Broadcast localized content.

Satellite Radio has changed my habits, I will confess, I no longer listen to local radio as XM for me provides a larger selection of music I want to listen to, commercial free, and is the same no matter where I travel in the US.

I can see why the NAB is scared of Satellite Radio's ability to utilize localized information, I had also read somewhere they had successfully prevented XM from utilizing its local repeaters to broadcast localized information as well, honestly this is too bad, when we have an awesome new technology come out, and the old technology has forced us to listen to what they want, how they want us to, can direct technological advances.

I encourage you to reject petition 04-160, and any other petition the NAB brings to the table. I as a consumer in this great country think we need to give Satellite Radio as much opportunity as possible.

Thank you for your time!

-Michael Easlick